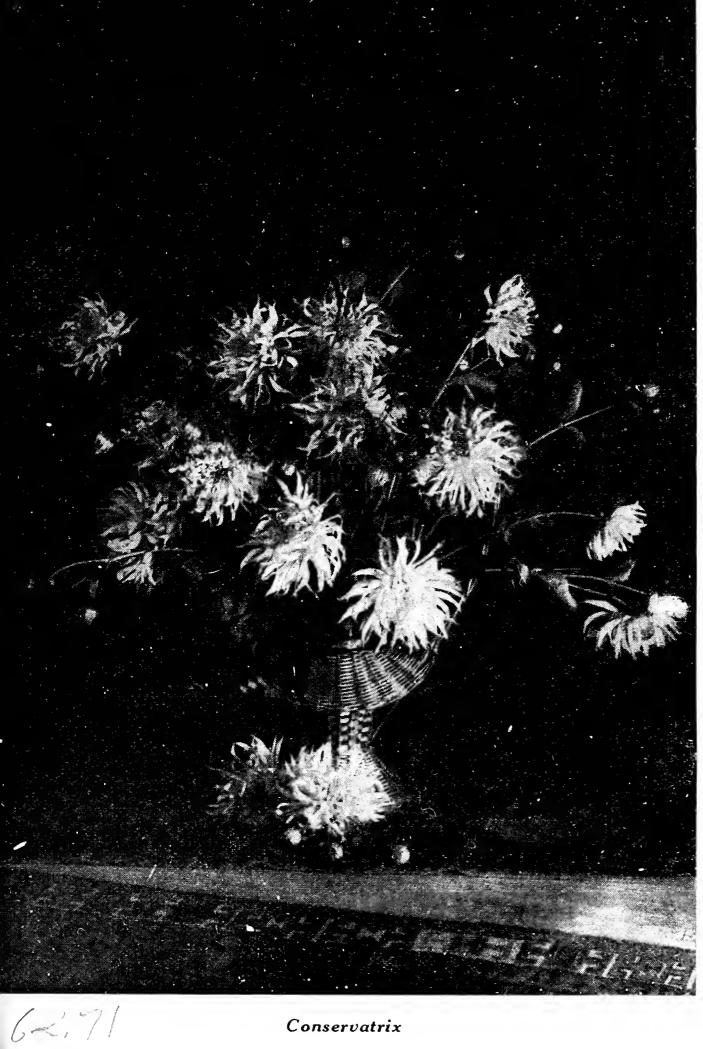
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SUNSET GARDENS

PORTLAND, OREGON

1936

To our customers old and new and to all dahlia lovers we are submitting our 1936 dahlia offerings. You will find our list contains most of the very popular varieties, as well as many of the Honor Roll dahlias of the past two seasons.

It seems to us the dahlia is becoming more popular all the time, and justly so. It not only fills the need of a fall flower, but during the growing season make a beautiful showing in the garden, and after it comes into bloom has certainly no rivals as far as spectacular beauty is concerned.

During the past few years the dahlia trade has endeavored to bring new varieties out that would not only be a joy in the garden but that would also be good as cut flowers, and the work has not been in vain. Many, many of the newer dahlias have exceptional keeping qualities when cut, and are easily arranged either in the home or by the professional. It takes only three or four of these lovely blooms to make a beautiful bouquiet, and a basket arrangement of dahlias is certainly unsurpassed.

We are again offering you good, field grown stock, and as usual guarantee our bulbs to be true to name and to grow.

QUANTITY DISCOUNTS

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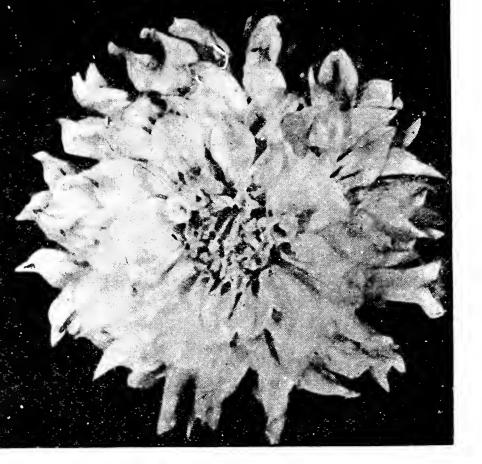
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Forest Fire—Hunt's Velvet Wonder

PRICE LIST OF OUR DAHLIA ROOTS

ACHIEVEMENT — (ID) (Bailey-Success). Gold with bronze shading. A very large flower with curled and twisted petals on long stiff stems. Very artistic and a good keeper. Tall plant.	\$.80	ANDREA ERICSON — (IID) (F & M) A pure white exhibition dahlia. Flower is composed of broad oval petals with pointed and twisted tips which give it a fluffy appearance. A soft, lovely white and makes a striking cut flower.	.60
ADIRONDACK SUNSET — (ID). (Cackener-Parkway). A deep vivid scarlet shading to a bright canary yellow at the base. Outer petals are tipped with gold, waving and twisting near the	5.00	ANDREAS HOFER (ID) (Holland) Delicate pink passing to a creamy center. Long, wiry stems and an excellent cut flower. Very artistic and a free bloomer.	.20
tips. The petals are long and broad forming a light, roselike center, showing the deep gold reverse of the petals. Blooms are large on stiff, cane-like stems. PLANTS	2.50	ANNA BENEDICT — (ID) (Benedict-Dahliadel) A rich deep garnet with black shadings and shadows at the center of the bloom. A good thrifty plant, growing rather tall. While one of the very dark dahlias, it is nevertheless	5.00
AIKO — (SC)	.90	very attractive. PLANTS	2.50
we know. Large blooms of cardinal or deep carmine, with silver reverse showing at the center and tips. Tall, open bush but needs to be well staked.		AMUN RA — (FD)	.15
ALICE WHITTIER — (SC) (Reed). Large clear primrose yellow with bright green foliage. Medium tall and free bloomer.	.25	AURANTIACA — (SC) (Europe) A light copper tan effect with very light orange center shading to pale yellow at outer edge.	.45
AMELIA EARHART — (SC)	2.00	Plant is low and literally covered with these lovely blooms. Excellent for cutting.	
(East. Cord.) Apricot buff with salmon tints shading to a soft yellow at base of petals. Tall, thrifty plant and the blooms are held well up out of the plant on long, stiff stems. A thrifty grower and free bloomer, an exceptional cut flower.		ASBURY PARK — (FD) (Wood-Burpee) Coppery salmon with flowers placed well on very good stems. Flowers are extremely large and make gorgeous bouquets when cut. Tall bush with dark green foliage.	.60
AMERICAN TRIUMPH—(c) (Nuneviller.) A real true cactus in a beautiful shade of red. Unlike most dahlias of this type it has good stems and is an excellent keeper when cut. A profuse bloomer.	.35	BAGDAD — (ID)	.55



Kathleen Norris

BARBARA REDFERN (ID) (Redfern) Old rose and gold. Large flowers on long stems. Plant is tall and a thrifty grower.	.25
BETTY DAVIS — (SC) (Cordes-Eastman) Lilac rose in color, beautifully formed flower on long, graceful stems. Almost true cactus in form. Among the new ones we grew last year this one was very outstanding. PLANTS	5.00
BELLE OF SPRINGFIELD — (PP) Very small red pompom. Bushy little plant that blooms the whole season.	.15
BUCKEYE BRIDE — (FD) (Peck) This flower is a lovely shade of geranium pink, shading to light salmon. The plant is very tall and healthy and the blooms come on exceptionally long stiff stems.	.60
CAPRICE — (ID)	.60
CASPER G. WARE — (FD) (Brown-Dahl) Silvery violet rose. Low plant and a free bloomer.	.30
CHAMPOEG — (FD)	.60
CHAS. STRATTON (ID) (Stratton) Pale gold with tips of rose red. Tall bush and free bloomer, good stems and good cut flower.	.30
CHEMAR'S EUREKA (FD) (Chemar) A very fine white. Flowers are large and formal with faiint tinge of lavender-pink on the edge. Good stems on a tall plant.	.40
CITY OF TRENTON (ID-FD) (Prentiss) Autumn shade with the face of the petals tangerine, reverse strawberry red, beautifully curled petals. Excellent stems and the plant has good habits of growth.	. 40
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(Holland) Bright geranium red. Most artistic cactus. Long stiff stems making it an excellent cut flower and a good keeper. Free bloomer on a very	.50
satisfactory bush. CORA BUTTERWORTH (FD) (Chapman) A silvery primrose yellow with wavy petals. A tall plant with dark green foliage, insect resisting. The flowers come on good stiff	.60
DADDY BUTLER (ID-SC) (Boston) An old favorite and a good one. Rose carmine with reverse of petals a lighter shade.	.15
DERRIL W. HART (ID) (Bromall-Success) Deep orange or copper shading to a henna brown. Blooms are large, held erect on long, stiff stems.	.40
(Seal) A glowing flame in color with reverse of bright gold. Huge, fluffy flowers on very good stems. The plant is medium high and very strong and sturdy. An exceptionallyl free bloomer and a real sensation in the garden. One or two of these very gay flowers make a bouquet and keep very well when cut.	1.50
DOROTHY STONE (ID) (F & M). (F & M) Deep pink. Large, full flowers on very nice stems. Medium high plant with foliage in two-tone effect. An exhibition variety of merit.	.40
DR. HELM SPATH (c)	.40
DWIGHT W. MORROW (ID) (Dahliadel) Large red dahlia. Flowers are immense in size and have a velvety sheen. The plants are tall and vigorous growers and it blooms profusely throughout the season. Nothing too good can be said for this dahlia.	.60
EAGLE ROCK BEAUTY (ID) (Bromall) Pastel pink with ivory or cream center. Stems are long, straight and hold from two to three medium sized flowers unless disbudded.	.30
Maryland Glory	



EAGLE ROCK FANTASY (ID) (B-Success) Clear mallow pink with silver shadings. Immense in size. Plant is tall and open with good foliage. An easy one to grow and a free bloomer. This dahlia is almost spectacular in the garden.	.75	HUNT'S VELVET WONDER (ID) (Hunt-Burnett Bros.) This variety was given an American Home Achievement medal in New York and won in Camden as the best Informal Decorative Seedling, arousing much interest. It is a deep rose magenta blending into a true purple. Extremely large with blooms to 15 inches across. Strong, healthy plant with dark green foliage. In
EDITH WHITAKER (ID) (McWhirter-Seal) Deep rich, dark velvety crimson with maroon shadings. The petals are long, broad and pointed at the tips. A free bloomer with exceptional healthy habits of growth.	.75	our opinion one of the best of the new ones. PLANTS IDA PERKINS (FD). (Montrose) White informal decorative type. Plants are medium height and vigorous. Good stems and
EDNA FERBER (SC)	.30	a good cut flower. Has been extremely popular for a long time. INDIANA MOON (ID)
ELITE GLORY (FD)	.30	a faint line of spinel pink. The bush is robust and carries the flowers on long, stiff stems. Position of the flower is just right and altogether in a most satisfactory dahlia in every way.
ELIZA LONDON SHEPARD (FD) (Peacock) Color a golden apricot. Stems are long and graceful. Free bloomer on large, healthy plant.	.45	
ELLINOR VANDEVEER (FD) (Seal) Glowing satiny, rose pink in color. Comes on long, stiff stems. Large, full plant with good foliage and blooms throughout the season. A favorite with everyone who has grown it.	.15	Cavalcade
EXQUISE (SC)	.60	
(Dahliadel) A novelty that is outstanding in the bi-color class. Distinct lemon yellow for about one-third of the length of the petals, then shaded to rich scarlet toward the tips, enhanced by clear yellow petaloids. A thrifty grower. A good Roll of	5.00	
Honor Dahlia. PLANTS	2.50	
FRAU O. BRACHT (SC) (Berger) One of great merit. A clear Primrose yellow with the flowers erect on strong stiff stems, facing upward. Free bloomer, nice foliage, everything to recommend it as a cut flower.	. 50	
FT. MONMOUTH (ID)	.35	
FULL MOON (FD)	1.00	
GALLI CURCI (ID)	.40	
GOLDEN SONNE (c) (De Wilde) Golden yellow shading to salmon-rose. A medium-tall bush always full of blooms. An	.35	

exceptional cut flower.

GRAF ZEPPELIN (FD) (Nolet) Pure white flower on tall, robust bush. Nice foliage. Flowers are of medium size and full in the center.



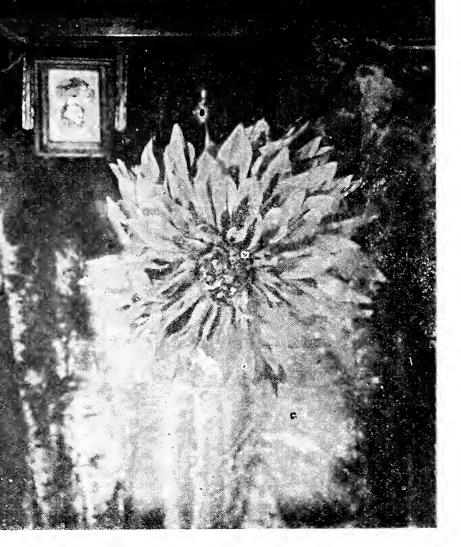
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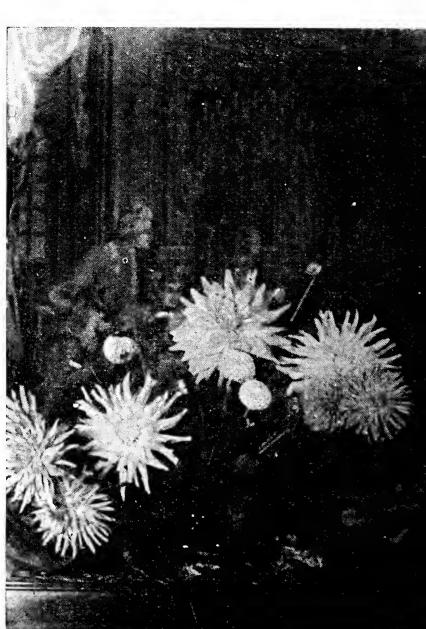
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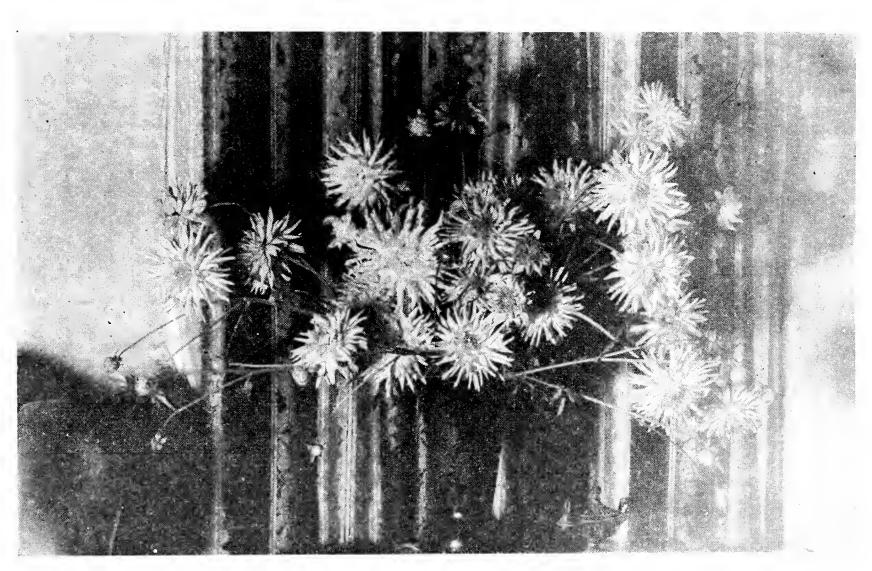
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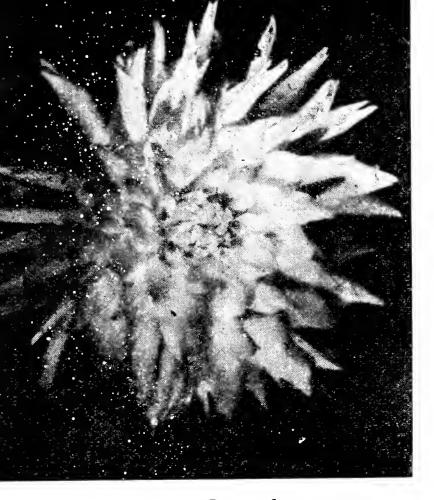
.20	(Success) Brilliant orange-red, shading to a darker red at center. Petals wide and twisted with those in the center tipped with gold.
.25	JANE COWL (ID)
.90	JANET SOUTHWICK (ID) (Chapman) Deep Tyrian rose with glistening rose sheen over all. Excellent stems and a good record. We can recommend in every way. A tall, thrifty plant.
.60	JEAN TRIMBEE (SC)
1.00	JEWEL OF INDIA (ID) (Newsome) Rich, glowing scarlet, overcast with maroon. Large, fluffy flowers held proudly erect on excellent stiff stems.
.15	JERSEY'S BEACON (FD) (Waite) Another of the old favorites in a Chinese red with buff reflex, giving a two-tone effect. Flowers are large on good stiff stems.
.15	JERSEY'S BEAUTY (FD) (Waite) Probably the best known and most popular dahlia among the pinks. Large, deep flowers on long, stiff stems.
.20	JERSEY'S IDEAL (ID) (Waite) Deep lavender pink. Flowers medium large, full and excellent for cutting.
.25	JERSEY'S RADIANCE (SC). (Waite) Bittersweet orange in color. Flowers are large on long, stiff stems. Very attractive.
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(Grosscross) Lovely shade of rose pink, some of the petals tipped pale yellow. Profuse bloomer on medium height plant. A lovely flower for cutting. JUDGE LEON McCORD (FD)		JOSEPHINE G (ID-SC)
(Boston) Deep shade of old gold with reverse of old rose. A remarkable dahlia with enormous flowers. Blooms both early and late, an exceptional dahlia. JULLINAR (FD)		the petals tipped pale yellow. Profuse bloomer on
(Newsom) Sofest pastel shadings of lavender, heavily striped and shaded with pink. KATHLEEN NORRIS (ID)	.40	(Boston) Deep shade of old gold with reverse of old rose. A remarkable dahlia with enormous flowers. Blooms both early and late, an exceptional
(F & M) An outstanding dahlia in rose pink with lighter shadings. Low growing bush with flowers held high on long, stiff stems. Has been one of the most popular pinks. KAWEAH (ID)	.50	(Newsom) Sofest pastel shadings of lavender, heav-
(Meussdorffer) Deep cerise with rose shadings. Blooms immense in size, really a sensational dahlia. KAY FRANCIS (SC)	.40	(F & M) An outstanding dahlia in rose pink with lighter shadings. Low growing bush with flowers held high on long, stiff stems. Has been one of the
(Cordes-Eastman (Beautiful deep flowers of a light lemon yellow. A good keeper on sturdy stems. Free bloomer and an outstanding prize winner in the 1934 shows. KEMP'S VIOLET WONDER (ID). (Kemp) Violet with royal purple undertone. Good keeper and a truly outstanding variety and never falls. Flowers are of perfect form, never burn, and keep well both on bush and when cut. KING MIDAS (ID)	1.50	(Meussdorffer) Deep cerise with rose shadings. Blooms immense in size, really a sensational
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(Peacock) Pure golden yellow. Form perfect stems long, stiff and straight. Plant is a strong, sturdy grower. LADY MOYRA PONSONBY (ID). 1.50 (Elder-Lee) Color a pure golden yellow, with long, broad petals. The flowers are held on long, stiff stems, coming up well out of a lovely type of plant that is strong and robust. This is an honor roll variety from Canada and a real addition to the	2.50	
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(Cordes-Eastman) Deep sulphur yellow penciled with coral red. Out of the ordinary with lacey petals that curl and twist. Huge blooms on long sturdy stems.	1.25	MARYLAND JUBILEE (FD) (Quick) Bright red on excellent stem. Fine when cut. Free bloomer on medium high bush.	.50
LITTLE JEWEL (Min FD) (Papendricht) Lovely little flower in peach blossom pink. Has been and continues to be tremendously popular.	.20	MARYLAND ORANGE (SC) (Quick) A good cactus with nice stems. Orange and red with orange predominating. Plant of medium height, literally covered with these lovely shaggy flowers.	.50
MARGARET MASSON (FD) (F & M) Blooms are a silvery rose-pink covering the plant the full season. Very popular and easy to grow.	.20	MARMION (ID)	.25
Margaret Woodrow Wilson (ID) (F & M) Early and free blooming. Flowers are an opalescent pink, almost white. Very popular and a sturdy grower.	.20	MAY TROWER (ID) (Seal) Golden apricot in color. Flowers are large with broad petals on good stems.	.20
MARIE (FD)	.25	MONMOUTH CHAMPION (FD). (Kemp) Very large orange flame flowers, on long stems. Most popular and justly so. Has everything to recommend it.	.40
MARIPOSA (SC)	.25	MRS. ALFRED B. SEAL (ID) (Seal) Old rose, and there are few dahlias of this color. Flowers are large, has good stems. Big,	.40
MARY ELLEN (FD)	.60	Mrs. George Le Boutillier (ID) (Smith Ruschmohr) A giant flower of a deep crim-	5.00
MARYLAND GLORY (FD) (Quick) Perfect blooms in tyrian rose shaded carmine. Profuse bloomer, good stems on a nice high thrifty bush. As a cut flower it is perfect.	.60	son red. A striking plant in the garden for the exceptionally large flowers are held well above the plant on long, stiff, almost leafless stems. An exceptionally sturdy plant, with deep green foliage, disease and insect resistant. PLANTS	2.50





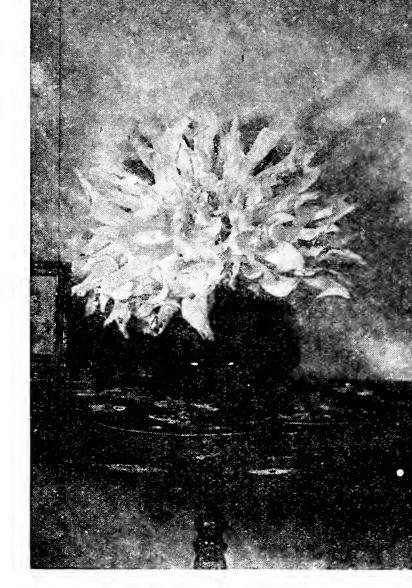
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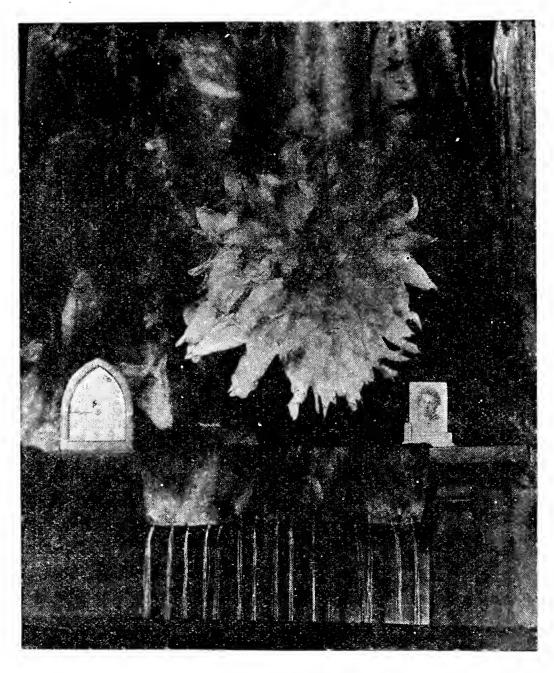
MRS. I de ver WARNER (FD) (Meran) Has enjoyed long popularity. Pink mauve in color, medium tall plant, good cut flower.	.15
MAD. O. BREULS (SC) (Europe) Good cut flower in a lovely shade of pink. Long, stiff stems and very artistic. A good thrifty grower.	.40
MRS. C. SALBACH (FD) (Salbach) Another of the old ones that is still extremely popular. Lavender pink on long, stiff stems.	.15
MURPHY'S MASTERPIECE (ID). (Murphy) gigantic blooms of a deep, dark red shading toward crimson, held erect on long stiff stems. Tall, sturdy plant with dark leathery green foliage. A free and constant bloomer.	1.50
MYRA HOWARD (ID)	.75
NEW GLORY (SC)	.40
NIVEAU (c)	.60
NEW JERSEY STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (ID) (Peacock) Large deep orchid flower with a full center. Free bloomer on a sturdy, healthy plant.	.40
OMAR KHAYYAM (FD) (Stout-Dahliadel) Large, formal decorative of Chinese red at base shading to bright orange. An excellent plant.	.50
ORIENTAL BEAUTY (SC) (Barker) A clear rose pink cactus, shaded lighter at tips. Gracefully curved and twisted petals. Free bloomer and blooms throughout the entire season.	.50
PAUL MICHAEL (ID)	.20
PALO ALTO (SC) (Ballay-Success) Clear bright salmon shading toward gold at center. Stems long and straight. Grandest plant ever. Blooms profusely and excellent cut flower. We recommend this dahlia unqualifiedly, for our experience with it has been perfect in every respect.	2.50
PAUL PFITZER (SC) (Berger) A German novelty that has won a place in the dahlia world. It is a lovely combination of sulphur yellow and lilac rose. A strong, vigorous plant with dark green foliage and long, stiff stems. A cut flower of unquestionable merit.	1.50
Queen of the Garden Beautiful (FD) (Burns) Primrose yellow. Flowers large and deep. Has been extremely popular.	.25
ROBERT E. LEE (SC)	.60

5.00	ROCKLEY MOON (FD) (Taylor-Ruschmohr) Beautiful large blooms on strong stems, lemon yellow in color, shading darker in the center and shows a tract of a purple tint
2.50	on the back. It is a sturdy, strong grower and has won many prizes. PLANTS
.30	ROBERT TREAT (FD) (Mueller) American beauty shade. Large, deep formal type. Extremely popular. Good cut flower.
.50	RODMAN WANAMAKER (ID) (Peacock) Pale lemon yellow at center shading to salmon pink at outer edge, reflex in spinel pink. An old favorite and a good one.
.25	ROMAN EAGLE (FD)
.50	ROYAL VELVET (FD) (Holland) Crimson red cactus. Very rich in color on good stems. An excellent cut flower.
.20	SAGAMORE (FD)
.20	SALBACH'S WHITE (FD) (Salbach) Very good white. Good stems and the plant is a riot of bloom the entire season.
.30	SANHICAN'S QUEEN (FD) (F & M) Big, formal decorative of apricot color. Good stems, free bloomer on big, sturdy bush.
1.00	SATAN (SC)
.30	SEAL'S CALIFORNIAN (FD) (Seal-N) A golden yellow shading to red amber. Medium tall bush, good habits of growth.
1.00	SHAHRAZAD (ID) (Newsom) Deep rose pink. Flowers of good substance on rigid, erect stems. Always lovely.
.75	(Newsom) An extremely large, full flower. Color a vivid scarlet. Long, fine stems.
3.00	(Hulin) A beautiful sulphur yellow, shading lighter near the tips, and nearly white on the reverse. The petals curl and twist in a most fascinating manner. The plant is a strong robust grower. The blooms are exceptionally large and are placed on good, stiff stems coming up well out of the foliage.
1.25	STRONGHEART (ID) (Ballay-Success) A beautiful shade of light cadium shaded apricot. Artistically formed and of good size, perfect stems. Very handsome and outstanding in the garden. Very tall plant and a profuse bloomer. A cut flower that attracts attention every- shown and a good keeper when cut.
.20	SUSAN G. TEVIS (ID) (Boston) Has been popular for many years. Lilac in color. A fine cut flower.



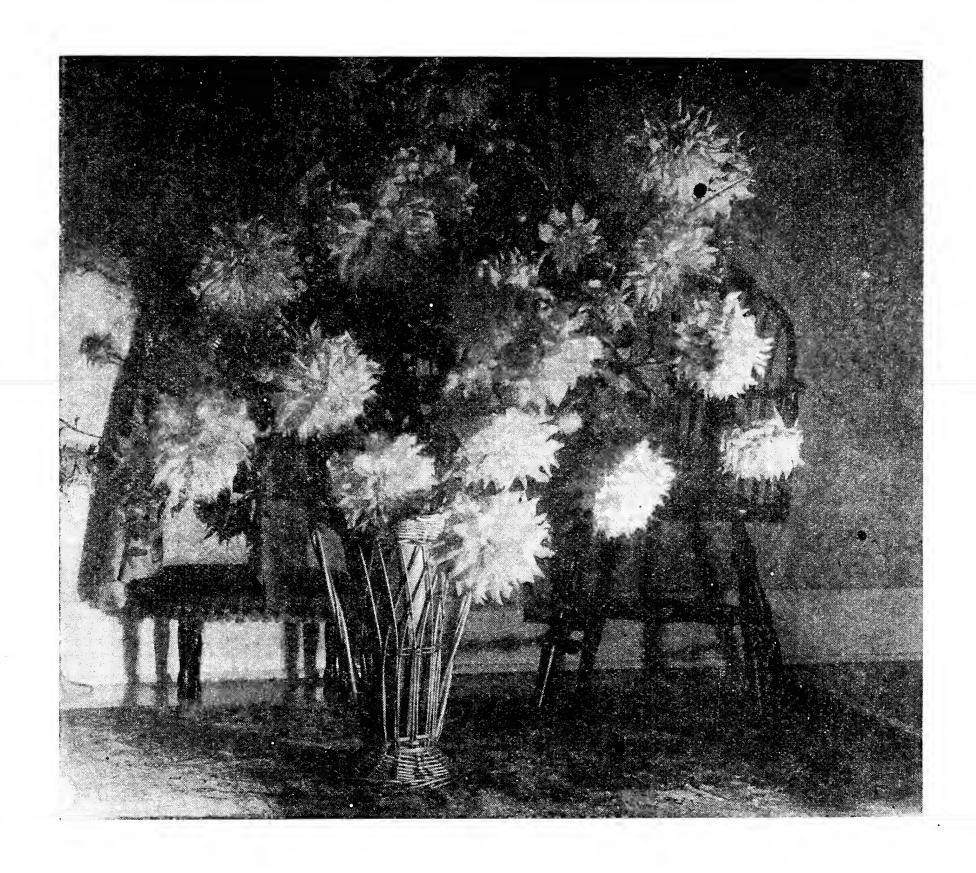
Amelia Earhart





Eagle Rock Fantasy

SULTAN OF HILLCREST (FD). (Scott) In color a lemon yellow with reverse of rosy pink. The flowers are large and of unique form, the outer petals recurving towards the stems,	3.00	(Reed-Adams) Very dark garnet or maroon. Nice, full formal flower, medium size. Excellent stems.	.25
giving the bloom an unusual color effect. The bush is a strdy grower and a free bloomer. PLANTS	\$1.50	WALDHEIM SUNSHINE (ID) (Peacock) Very popular among the yellows. Bright	.40
THE COMMODORE (ID)	.50	yellow in shade, full centers and good depth. Light green foliage with a plant of medium height. Easy to grow.	
blooms come on long, stiff stems well above the bush.		WASHINGTON GIANT (ID) (Lee) Color is lavender with orchid tints, bleand-	3.00
THE WORLD (FD)	.35	ed with silver. Blooms giant in size. Good stems. Plants medium tall, good habits of growth and insect resisting.	
fall. One of the very best dark ones. Extremely popular.		WHITE WONDER (ID) (Black-Kemp) Giant white blooms with long, point-	1.00
THOS. EDISON (FD)	.45	ed and twisted petals. The plant, is strong and sturdy and a free bloomer. A truly lovely white.	
(Dahliadel) Another good dark flower. Royal purple. Flowers are large and full centered. The flowers have unusual form as the petals are staghorn, having double tips. A profuse bloomer, a beautiful garden plant and a good cut flower.		W. H. T. (FD)	.40
TREASURE ISLAND (FD) (Dahliadel) We consider this one of the best. Color is apricot and gold. Stems are good and hold the flowers well. Fine both as cut flower and in the garden.	.40	WILLAMETTE (ID)	.75

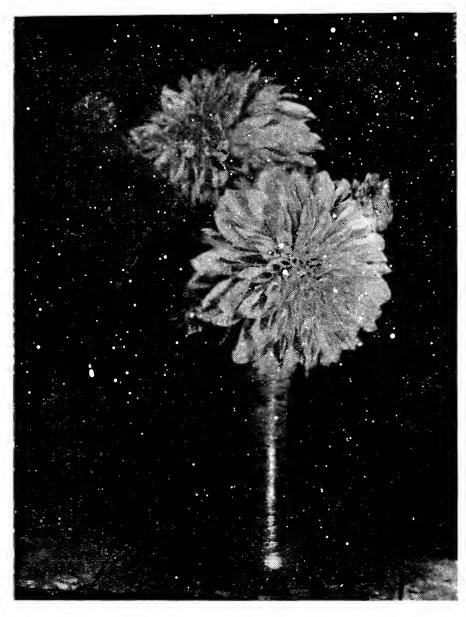


DAHLIA SEED

This seed was gathered from the newer varieties growing in our field, intermingled with varieties known to be good parentage. We gathered this seed for our own use, but as we again have a small surplus we are offering same for sale. This seed was matured on the plant and should germinate very readily.

50 choice seed for	-\$1.00
100 choice seed for	\$1.50

It is with pleasure we acknowledge the many letters of commendation we have received during the past years from our dahlia friends and customers. We appreciate your business in the past and trust our bulbs and service merit further consideration from you. We have endeavored to make the prices herein as low as is consistent with first class stock and service. We wish to again call attention to the fact that a cheap price alone does not constitute a bargain; merchandise must have merit to bring satisfied customers and it is our earnest desire to have our bulbs make us good dahlia friends wherever they go.



Asbury Park

CULTURAL DIRECTIONS

Plant your tubers in a horizontal position about 6 inches deep in well prepared soil. Allow about 3x4 feet for each plant. Soak well each week or ten days during hot weather. Keep the surface of the ground well pulverized. The dahlia will grow in almost any soil, but prefers a well drained, sandy loam. The soil should not be worked until it has reached a stage where it crumbles when dug. Don't plant your tubers in wet, soggy soil, for they are apt to rot before they sprout. We find the best time to add the fertilizer is when the plant is about half grown, provided you are using commercial fertilizer.

When to plant your bulbs. Of course the section of the U. S. in which you live has much to do with this. Where the season is short, plant after all danger of frost is over. Dahlias planted too early are apt to rot in the ground or come into bloom in the hot weather, which is not their time of year. Dahlias will come into bloom from eight to ten weeks from time of planting, and will bloom continuously until taken by frost.

Size of tuber or bulb. It has been our experience that small bulbs bring the best results. Too large a bulb absorbs so much of the plant food in the ground and robs the plant above. If your tuber is too large you can cut away the half furtherest from the eye without injury to the bulb.

A word of warning. We would advise all dahlia lovers who are growing the European varieties to take special care of the bulbs in storage. It has been our experience that most of the imported varieties are hard to keep thru the winter; these bulbs are not as hardy as our American varieties.

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TRANSPORTATION

ALL prices in this catalog include transportation charges to the nearest postoffice, express or freight station. The transportation system is our selection unless otherwise agreed to. We do not assume the carrier's responsibility.

The prices on dahlias are for root separation. We grow a great many green plants each year, especially of the expensive varieties, which we can supply at a considerable saving in cost. We suggest a trial of these plants. Perhaps you will like them better than roots. We ship them in the soil they are growing in. Write us about your requirements.

Dahlia shipments will go forward about April 15 unless otherwise specified.

The dahlia classification in this catalog are the new form adopted by the American Dahlia Society. The abbreviations are as follows: "C" Cactus, Incurved, Recurved or Straight; "S-C" Semi-Cactus; "FD" Formal Decorative; "ID" Informal Decorative; "MD" Miniature Decorative; "P" Peony; "PP" Pompon.



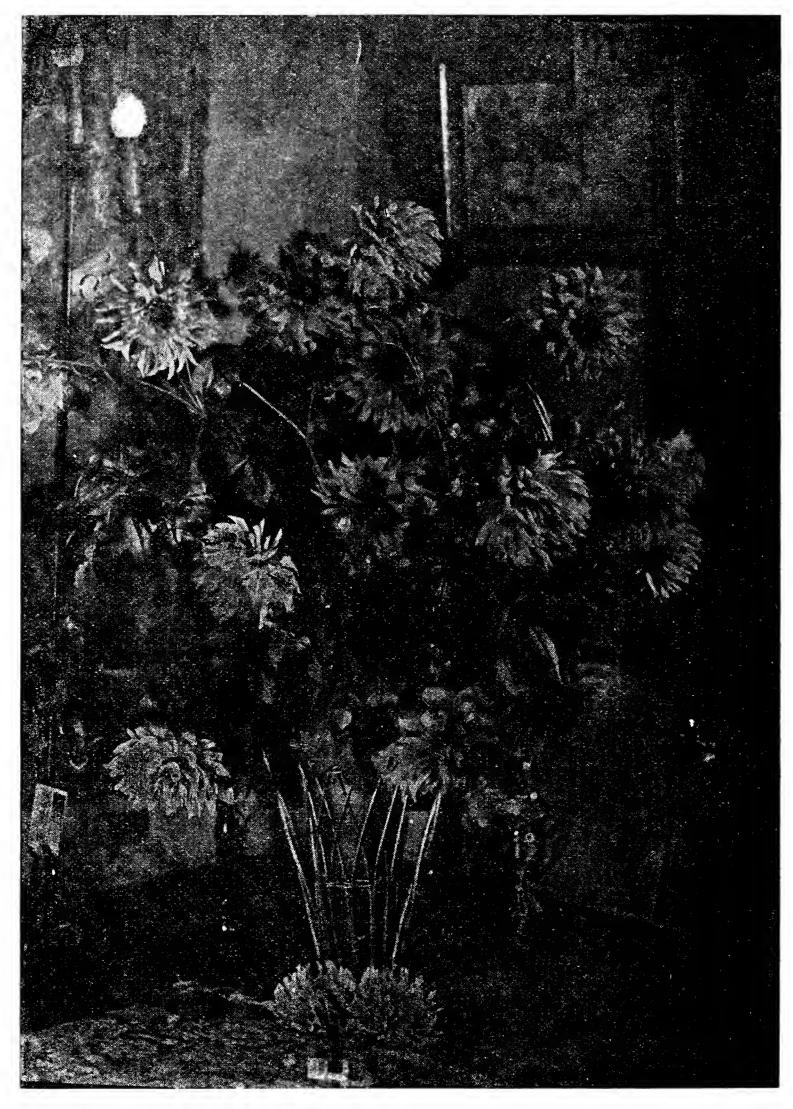
CARING FOR THE DAHLIAS

When to dig and how to store. It is time to lift your bulbs when the plants have been killed down by frost, or perchance you live in a mild climate and the plants are not frosted, cut them down about a foot above the ground and let them rest for ten days and then lift. Store them upside down (that is with the stem pointing down) in boxes or crates in a cool basement. It is well to look them over several times during the winter to see that they are not drying out.

When to cut your blooms. We find the best time to cut blooms for decorative use is late at night or very early in the morning, placing them in about 3 inches of nearly boiling water for a few minutes,

when they are ready for your vases of cool water.

Growing exhibition blooms. Where exhibition blooms of great size are desired a temporary shade during hot weather will be found to produce much finer dahlias both in color and size. Disbudding will of course also produce much larger blooms. To do this, when the buds begin to appear at the top of the branch you will usually find them in clusters of two or three. Take out all of these buds except the best looking one (usually the one on the very tip) and continue on down the stem taking out all the buds down to the parent stalk. This will also make your stems grow longer. The best time to disbud is when the buds are about the size of a pea.



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